GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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BISCUIT INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several wheat and flour based industries including biscuit industries have been adversely affected due to wheat becoming costlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some small industries have been shut down due to this; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to address these problems?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has been mandated for promotion and Development of Food Processing Sector including wheat and flour based industries. MFPI provides financial assistance under its Plan Scheme for setting up / expansion/modernisation of food processing units including wheat and flour based industries.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries is not aware of any instances where wheat and flour based industries including biscuits industries have been shutdown due to the wheat becoming costlier.